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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN PRESS REACTION TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE
COMMENTS ON THE BRAZIL/FRG NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 128064

1. SUMMARY - BRAZILIAN PRESS ACCOUNTS TODAY INTERPRETED THE
COMMENTS OF THE DEPT. PRESS SPOKESMAN YESTERDAY AS INDICATING
THAT THE USG IS SATISFIED WITH THE SAFEGUARDS IN THE BRAZILIAN/
FRG NUCLEAR AGREEMENT BECAUSE THE FRG IS A SIGNATORY TO
THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY (NPT). GOB SPOKESMAN
REPEATED THE GOB'S POSITION THAT ITS MOTIVES ARE ONLY PEACEFUL.
DEPT. MAY WISH TO ELABORATE ON USG'S POSITION IN
LIGHT OF INTERPRETATION BEING PUT ON SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT
HERE. END SUMMARY

2. THIS MORNING'S PRESS ACCOUNTS STATE THAT THE
DEPT'S PRESS SPOKESMAN YESTERDAY EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT
THE USG IS SATISFIED WITH THE SAFEGUARDS IN THE BRAZIL
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FRG NUCLEAR AGREEMENT BECAUSE THE FRG IS A SIGNATORY TO THE

NPT. RIO DE JANEIRO'S JORNAL DO BRASIL, UNDER SUBHEAD "US CONSIDERS GERMAN GUARANTEE SUFFICIENT," SAID THAT, "IN THE UNITED STATES, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE INDICATED THAT THE ACCORD BY WHICH WEST GERMANY WILL SELL NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO BRAZIL INCLUDES SUFFICIENT GUARANTEES AGAINST ANY INTENT TO CONSTRUCT ATOMIC BOMBS. SPOKESMAN JOHN TRATTNOR SAID THAT THE CONCERN OF THE UNITED STATES IS TO OBTAIN ADEQUATE GUARANTEES." A CONTINUATION OF THE STORY SAYS THAT, "HE (TRATTNOR) ADDED THAT THE NEW ACCORD BETWEEN WEST GERMANY AND BRAZIL ALREADY HAS SUFFICIENT SAFEGUARDS, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THE FRG SIGNED THE NUCLEAR BOMB PROLIFERATION TREATY WHICH PROHIBITS THE USE OF ATOMIC MATERIAL DESTINED FOR PEACEFUL ENDS TO (BE DIVERTED TO) THE CONSTRUCTION OF WAR MATERIAL." SAO PAULO'S O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO CARRIED A SIMILAR FRONT PAGE INTERPRETATION OF TRATTNOR'S REMARKS -- THAT THE USG BELIEVES THE ACCORD HAS SUFFICIENT SAFEGUARDS BECAUSE THE FRG SIGNED THE NPT.

3. APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO THE WASHINGTON POST STORY ON SUNDAY AND/OR THE DEPT. SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT, THE GOB ISSUED YESTERDAY ITS USUAL DENIALS OF ANY MOTIVE EXCEPT PEACEFUL USES. FOR INSTANCE, THE JHORNAL DE BRASILIA QUOTES A FORMIN SPOKESMAN AS REAFFIRMING THAT "ANY POSSIBLE UTILIZATION OF THE ATOMIC BOMB 'WOULD BE MADE ONLY FOR EXCLUSIVELY PEACEFUL ENDS.' " O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO QUOTES THE SAME SPOKESMAN AS SAYING THAT "BRAZIL HAS A PACIFIST TRADITION. IT WOULD NOT, EVIDENTLY, UTILIZE ATOMIC ENERGY TO MAKE BOMBS. IN ADDITION, THE ACCORD TO BE SIGNED WITH WEST GERMANY WILL ESTABLISH ALL THE SAFEGUARD CLAUSES FORESEEN BY THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY."

4. THE JORNAL DO BRASIL ALSO RAN AN EDITORIAL TODAY, WHICH INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING POINTS:
--"THE PURPOSES OF THE ACCORD BEING NEGOTIATED WITH WEST GERMANY ARE PACIFIC, AND THAT NATION THESE DAYS IS HIGHLY PLEDGED TO THE IDEALS OF PEACE. AS EVIDENCE OF THIS, THE NEGOTIATIONS CONTAINED THE SAFEGUARDS FORESEEN IN THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ATOMIC ENERGY, WHICH BRAZIL IS PLEDGED TO FOLLOW STRICTLY, AMONG THEM PRINCIPLES OF GOOD FAITH AND RIGHTNESS."
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--DURING THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT COSTA E SILVA, BRAZIL ABSTAINED FROM SIGNING THE NPT, BUT, AS WAS PROPERLY EXPLAINED AT THAT TIME, NOT FOR MILITARY MOTIVES. THE BRAZILIAN POSITION IN THAT INSTANCE WAS INSPIRED BY REASONS OF AN ECONOMIC NATURE."

--"THE PROJECT OF THE PACIFIC UTILIZATION OF THE ATOM WAS A

NATURAL AMBITION -- AND ONLY THE SPIRIT OF COMPETITION BETWEEN SUPPLIERS ITSELF COULD JUSTIFY THE NOISES WHICH MASKED A TONE OF RESENTMENT. IN ADDITION, WHAT SEEMS SUPREMELY RIDICULOUS IS THE ZEAL OF CERTAIN FOUNDERS OF THE ATOMIC CLUB TO CONTAIN THE HORIZONTAL PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR ARMS, WHEN THEY THEMSELVES ARE SHOWN INCAPABLE, BY MEANS OF ACCORDS, OF PREVENTING THE VERTICAL PROLIFERATION."

5. THE STORY IN O ESTADO STATED THE FOLLOWING WITH REGARD TO THE ATTITUDE IN BONN:

--"THE FEARS MANIFESTED BY HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE USG THAT BRAZIL WILL COME TO FABRICATE NUCLEAR DEVICES COMMENCING WITH THE TECHNOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE TRANSFERRED BY GERMANY WERE DESCRIBED YESTERDAY IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES IN BONN AS 'FUNDAMENTALLY LACKING.'

--"ACCORDING TO THE NEWS AGENCY DPA, THE GERMAN MINISTER OF SCIENCE ASSURED THAT AMPLE INTERNATIONAL MEASURES EXIST TO PREVENT BRAZIL, FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF INDIA, FROM USING PLUTONIUM PRODUCED IN REACTORS FOR CONSTRUCTING A BOMB. HE ALSO ASSURED THAT, WHEN CONSULTED, USG AGENCIES DID NOT LODGE OBJECTIONS TO THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH THEN WERE BEGINNING BETWEEN BRAZIL AND THE FRG, OVER AN ACCORD INVOLVING AN EXCHANGE OF REACTORS PRODUCED WITH GERMAN TECHNOLOGY FOR BRAZILIAN URANIUM."

6. RECOMMENDATION - DEPT. MAY WISH TO ELABORATE ON USG'S POSITION IN LIGHT OF INTERPRETATION BEING PUT ON DEPT. SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT IN BRAZIL.
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